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### Tax Commission files felony charges Against South Jordan tax preparer

The Utah State Tax Commission filed felony charges against a South Jordan tax preparer on various tax evasion-related felony counts Thursday in 3<sup>rd</sup> District Court.

Charges filed against David Leo Bankhead include communication fraud, unlawful dealing by a fiduciary, tax evasion and a pattern of unlawful activity, all second degree felonies. An additional charge of failure to file a proper tax return, a third degree felony, was also filed.

Mr. Bankhead operated Professional Business Accounting, LLC, an accounting and tax preparation service.

The Tax Commission alleges he withheld payroll taxes for his clients' employees and misrepresented to them that he had remitted their funds to the State.

In addition, Mr. Bankhead is accused of creating and issuing false W-2 forms to the victims after absconding with more than \$58,536 of their payroll taxes between 2002 and 2007, the Tax Commission claims.

As a result of his fraudulent actions, Mr. Bankhead owes the State more than \$125,800 in payroll taxes, criminal penalties and interest, says Charlie Roberts, Tax Commission spokesman.

This case investigated by the criminal investigation unit for the Tax Commission and will be prosecuted by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

He is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday.

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